

MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)
Act 116 of 1954

168.498 Clerk of township, city, or village; office hours, days, and place for receiving applications for registration; public notice; notice of registration for school millage election; agreement to jointly publish public notice.

Sec. 498. (1) The governing body of a township, city, or village may provide by resolution that in that township, city, or village the clerk shall be at the clerk's office, or in some other convenient place designated by the clerk, during the hours designated by the governing body on the thirtieth day preceding an election or primary election in the township, city, or village, unless the thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event registration shall be accepted during the same hours on the following day.

(2) In a township, city, or village in which the clerk does not maintain regular daily office hours, the township board or the legislative body of the city or village may require that the clerk of the township, city, or village shall be at the clerk's office or other designated place for the purpose of receiving applications for registration on the days which the board or legislative body designates, but not more than 5 days before the last day for registration.

(3) The clerk of each township, city, and village shall give public notice of the days and hours that the clerk will be at the clerk's office or other designated place for the purpose of receiving registrations before an election or primary election by publication of the notice, except as provided in subsection (4) and section 497(2), in a newspaper published or of general circulation in the township, city, or village and, if considered advisable by the township, city, or village clerk, by posting written or printed notices in at least 2 of the most conspicuous places in each election precinct. Except as provided in subsection (4), the publication or posting shall be made not less than 7 days before the last day for receiving registrations. The notice of registration shall include the offices to be filled that will appear on the ballot. If the notice of registration is for an election that includes a ballot proposal, a caption or brief description of the ballot proposal along with the location where an elector can obtain the full text of the ballot proposal shall be stated in the notice.

(4) Notice of registration for a school millage election that will be held pursuant to section 36 of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.36, shall be required to be published once and shall be made not less than 5 days before the last day for receiving registrations as provided in section 497a.

(5) A county clerk may enter into an agreement with the clerk of 1 or more townships or cities in the county or the clerks of 1 or more cities or townships in a county may enter into an agreement to jointly publish the notice required in subsection (3). The notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the cities and townships listed in the notice.

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Compiler's note: Enacting section 4 of Act 71 of 2005 provides:

"Enacting section 4. If any portion of this amendatory act or the application of this amendatory act to any person or circumstances is found invalid by a court, the invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this amendatory act that can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, if the remaining portions are not determined by the court to be inoperable, and to this end this amendatory act is declared to be severable."

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